

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AND KING'S CHILDREN.

Bro. B. L. Gordon of Burlington, Ind., makes a statement in last EVANGELIST which has been echoed by so many that I wish to offer a few words of explanation. He regrets that "the Brethren organized a denominational Young People's society which excludes them from co-operating with the Young People's society of Christian Endeavor."

Perhaps many have never understood or else have forgotten that at last conference there were three organizations in the Brotherhood of nearly equal strength and that a committee from these formulated a compromise which is found on the first page of the K. C. constitution and provides for the denominational name King's Children and the constitution of the Guild amended so as to include all the essentials of Christian Endeavor so that our societies could co-operate in Endeavor conventions.

As the Endeavor representative of that committee and as Sec. of the national board I wrote to Gen. Sec. Baer and submitted the question to our Dist. Endeavor convention and learned that these "essentials" were 1st, a pledge for active members. 2nd, the idea of committee work, especially the prayer meeting com. 3rd, The monthly consecration meeting and it was earnestly requested that the name Christian Endeavor be recognized because it is only justice that any name should not be separated from the principles for which it stands.

These principles I incorporated and then submitted the constitution as amended to the rest of the board and they were stricken out and the constitutions advertised for sale before I knew it. I protested that this was not treating our Endeavor societies with fairness and was not even honestly complying with the instructions of that compromise but was told that the provision "this constitution may be amended" was ample enough to cover this and that it was too late to make any changes as there was money invested and the constitutions were printed. I did not wish then, I do not wish now to appear as in opposition to our Young People's work. I have been

from the first a most ardent worker in this line and I have advocated a denominational organization, but simply to bind our scattered societies together, let each other know what they are doing and work in union. For instance this year we have decided to unitedly support the theological chair in Ashland University and I hope that all our societies will rally in this one thing, but for our societies to out loose from everything else will be suicidal. A little thought will convince one that we are too inexperienced, too few and scattered to be successful alone. Even our national K. C. convention could hardly be compared in numbers or enthusiasm with a local Endeavor convention and why when we can by the adoption of these few principles which have made the Endeavor movement so marvelously successful the world over, we could co-operate in these conventions and secure all the advantages of contact with over 30,000 societies and learn of the foremost ideas in Young People's work all over the world, why this should be opposed is more than I can understand.

Our work is too important to allow personal ambition or favoritism to have any influence whatever. Our young people in many places are working under an indefinite and poor constitution which hinders the success of the society and as Bro. Gordon says "prevents co operation with C. E. conventions unless amended and few societies know just what changes to make or even that any are to be made or that they are to enroll in the U. S. C. E. and attend Endeavor conventions at all.

On the other hand many endeavor societies had to be written to twice before sending in their report to the Sec., and few sent delegates to our national convention thinking they had nothing to do with it. This was a mistake for while the board refused to recognize such as delegates yet the convention itself voted unanimously to receive them. Ten Endeavor societies and fifteen King's Children societies reported to the Sec., during the year but thirty are known to exist. The Guild also lives and in all Kanemorado Dist., by vote of church conference and young people's convention. The name King's Children of Christian Endeavor was adopted and the Endeavor constitution

recommended. Since our local organizations are so different our national organization should be broad enough to include all of them and our literature should treat all with equality.

Now we certainly need a national organization to keep us from getting lost from each other yet since the present constitution is a very indefinite affair and does not comply with the recommendation of conference last fall, our societies are under no obligations whatever to accept it and I propose that from now on the name of King's Children be adopted everywhere but with it the Christian Endeavor constitution which has proven itself a success in thousands of societies in every country and in every church and let the present supply of constitutions be used by those few societies which have succeeded under it and do not wish to change and let our literature from henceforth consist of tracts on means and methods of furthering the interests of our Gospel alone doctrine through our societies, together of course with our own paper and cards for the flower committee etc. and let all societies organizing send the name of their Cor. Sec. to J. Willis Baer, Boston, Mass., so that they will receive notice of Endeavor conventions and then attend them and get all the inspiration possible and advertise our church and help get our societies on a basis on which all can unite.

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JERUSALEM'S NEW PROSPERITY.

The British consul at Jerusalem, in his latest report, gives some interesting details respecting the present condition of the Holy City. It appears that buildings of various kinds continue to be erected in the vicinity, and that the city is far outgrowing its former limits. On the western side, houses have increased so rapidly in the last few years that quite a large suburb has arisen where formerly there were fields and vineyards. Every available piece of land is now being bought up by private persons or benevolent societies and missions, and already the name of "Modern Jerusalem" has been given to this new quarter. Last year the first public garden was completed outside the Jaffa Gate; and the trade is generally increasing.—*London Times*.